

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2004, claims 1, 11, 13, 14 and 21 were rejected, claims 2-10, 15-20, 23 and 24 objected to, and claims 12 and 22 allowed. Claim 1 has been cancelled herein. Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 have been amended to depend from new claim 25, which represents claim 3 re-written in independent format, and/or to resolve typographical errors. New claim 25 and claims 2-10 that depend thereon are therefore allowable.

It is noted that one of the rejections of claim 1 was based on §112, and concerned the functional interconnection between the limitation of disconnecting the PBX from the PSTN with limitations of programming the gateway to determine the desired route for incoming and outgoing calls over the PSTN, the PBX or the data network. As best understood it is believed that the Examiner is suggesting that the recited step of disconnecting the PBX from the PSTN is inconsistent with the recited step of routing calls over the PSTN. It is submitted, however, that a careful reading of new claim 25 (which represents original claim 1 combined with original claim 3) resolves this confusion. For example, another step of claim 25 recites connecting the gateway to the PSTN and the preamble recites that the gateway is connected to the PBX and to a data network. Accordingly, the gateway, PSTN and PBX are all in communication.

Claim 11 has been amended to overcome the §112 rejection made in the February 26 Office Action, and is therefore allowable. Claim 12, which was allowed, has been amended to resolve typographical errors. This amendment is not related to the patentability of the claim. Claims 13-15 have been cancelled, and claims 16, 17, 18 and

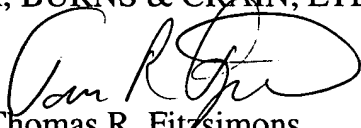
20 amended to depend from new claim 26 and to resolve typographical errors. New claim 26 represents original claim 15 rewritten in independent form. New claim 26 as well as claims 16-20 that depend therefrom are therefore allowable. Claims 21, 23, and 24 have been amended to overcome the §112 rejection made in the Office Action and to otherwise resolve typographical errors. These claims are therefore allowable. Claim 22, which was allowed, has been amended to resolve typographical errors. This amendment is unrelated to patentability.

A proposed new FIG. 1 has been provided herewith that includes the legend "PRIOR ART." Additional prior art will be cited on a First Supplemental IDS to be filed shortly. Finally, an Attorney Change of Correspondence Address form has been submitted herewith. Kindly note the new docket number of 920.70805 and the new correspondence address indicated below.

The applicants believe that all matters raised in the February 26 Office Action have been attended to, and that all the remaining claims are allowable. Timely allowance is requested. Should any matters remain for attention, the applicants' undersigned attorney requests the favor of a phone call to discuss the same.

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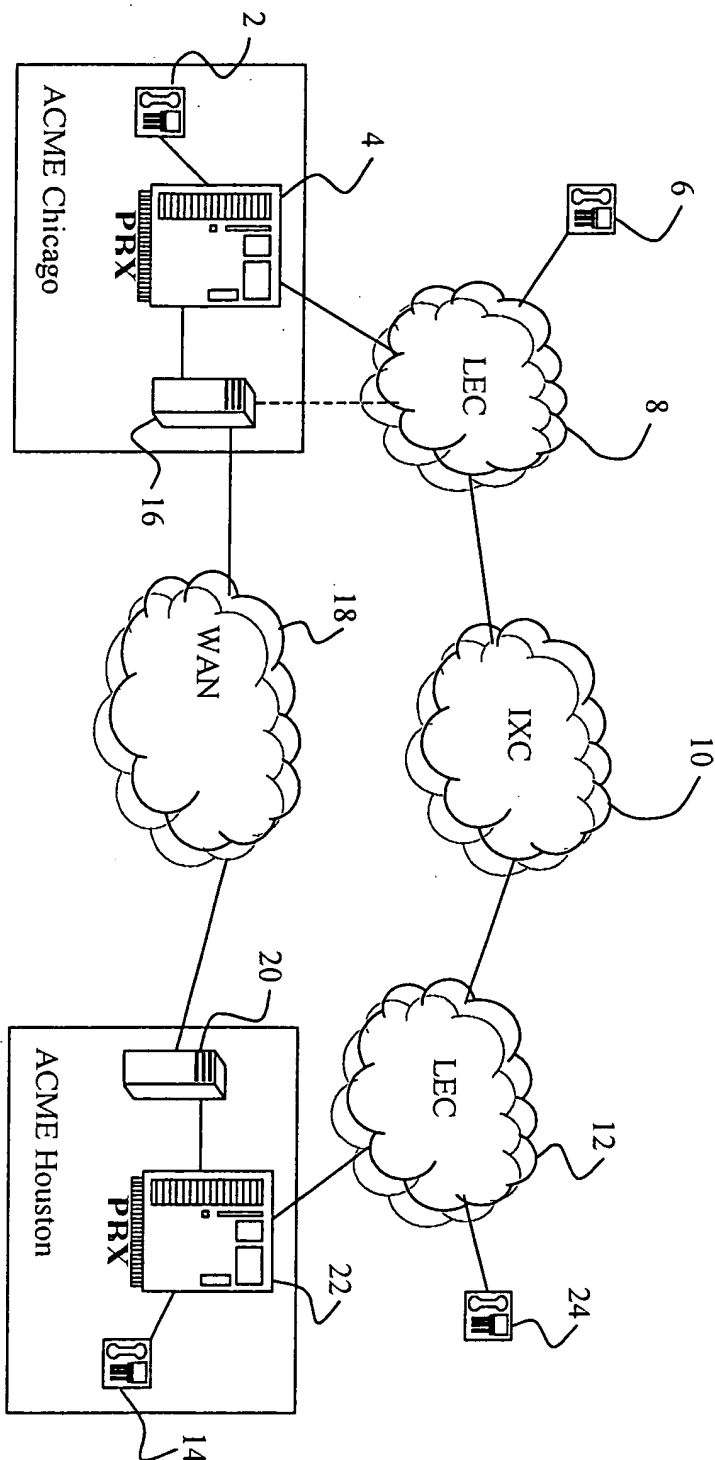
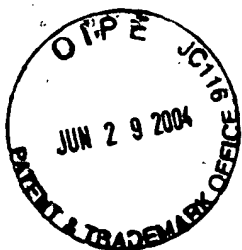


Fig. 1 (Prior Art)